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SUBJECT: DEATH OF MAO TSE-TUNG

REF: PEKING 1775

1. SITUATION IN PEKING AT 1800 LOCAL SEPTEMBER 9.

2. THE SCENE IN PEKING IS SOMBER BUT ORDERLY. UPON
ANNOUNCEMENT AT 1600 HOURS OF MAO'S DEATH STATE FLAGS WERE
LOWERED TO HALF MAST AND EXTRA PLA SECURITY AND PSB TRAFFIC
CONTROL PERSONNEL WERE DEPLOYED ALONG CHANG AN STREET, AT
TIEN AN SQUARE AND IN THE VICINITY OF MAO'S RESIDENCE. THEIR
MAIN FUNCTION APPEARS TO BE KEEPING TRAFFIC ON THE MOVE AND
PREVENTING EXCESSIVE CONCENTRATIONS OF PEOPLE AT SITES
ASSOCIATED WITH THE CHAIRMAN. AT ABOUT 1700 HOURS THERE WERE
A FEW HUNDRED PEOPLE SILENTLY WATCHING ACROSS FROM FORMAL
ENTRANCE TO MAO'S RESIDENCE AND A FEW HUNDRED BY FLAG POLE AT
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NORTH END OF TIEN AN MEN SQUARE, BUT THESE HAVE SINCE BEEN

DISPERSED. ALTHOUGH TIEN AN MEN SQUARE HAS NOT BEEN CORDONED OFF,
LOITERING IS NOT PERMITTED.

3. HOUR AFTER ANNOUNCEMENT MANY PEOPLE IN STREET STILL HAD
NOT HEARD NEWS, BUT MANY OTHERS WERE WEEPING AND ALREADY
WEARING BLACK ARM BANDS. PEOPLE ARE ALREADY BUYING MATERIAL
FOR WREATHS.
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